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1. (C) - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AS REPORTED IN REF A, GOP-FURNISHED DATA SHOW
2,202,849 AFGHANS REGISTERED AS REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN AS
OF 15 JUNE. ROUGH INITIAL FIGURES SHOW REFUGEE REGISTRA-
TION OF OVER 2,240,000 AS OF 29 JUNE, MAKING MONTH'S
INCREASE (OVER 182,000) WELL ABOVE PREVIOUS MONTHLY
AVERAGE FOR 1981 OF 131,000. /

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4. UNHCR'S PROPOSAL THAT RELIEF EFFORT SHOULD COVER ONLY THOSE REFUGEES IDENTIFIED AS LIVING IN DESIGNATED REFUGEE CAMPS WAS DEFERRED "FOR THE TIME BEING." UNHCR WORKING FIGURE OF 1.7 MILLION REFUGEES, HOWEVER, EFFECTIVELY RESTRICTS UNHCR AID TO A NUMBER OF REFUGEES ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO NUMBER OF REFUGEES ESTIMATED BY UNHCR TO BE ACTUALLY LIVING IN CAMPS.

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AS POINTED OUT IN REF D, AND OTHER
EMBASSY REPORTING, REGISTRATION INCREASES ARE PARTLY
ACCOUNTED FOR BY COMMON CORRUPTION AMONG LOWER AND SOME
UPPER-LEVEL OFFICIALS, HIGHLY MOBILE NATURE OF REFUGEE
POPULATION WHICH COMPLICATES EFFORTS AT COUNTING AND
TRADITIONAL AFGHAN RELUCTANCE TO ALLOW OUTSIDERS TO ENTER
LIVING QUARTERS AS WELL AS CONTINUED INFLOW OF REFUGEES
FROM AFGHANISTAN.

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7. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT UNHCR
AND VOLAG OPERATIONS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT AFFECTED BY THIS
OVER-REGISTRATION. SOME DONORS HAVE JUMPED TO THE
CONCLUSION THAT INTERNATIONAL INPUTS ARE BEING SOMEHOW
WASTED; THIS IS NOT THE CASE, BECAUSE UNHCR AND THE
VOLAGS DELIVER SUPPLIES AND SERVICES ONLY TO REFUGEES
THEY CAN SEE AND COUNT. THE WASTAGE OCCURS SOLELY IN
THOSE PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM FUNDED ENTIRELY BY THE
PAK GOVERNMENT (WHICH BEARS AT LEAST HALF THE TOTAL COST
OF THE REFUGEE PROGRAMS), AND NOT FROM INTERNATIONAL INPUTS.
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